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SUBJ: WARSAW-BERLIN FLIGHT BY CODEL O'NEILL

REFS: STATE 31335, USBERLIN 0264

1. WE BELIEVE CODEL AIRCRAFT SHOULD ARRIVE AT WEST BERLIN AIRPORT AND NOT AT GDR'S SCHOENEFELD AIRPORT TO SOUTH OF CITY. ARRIVAL AT SCHOENEFELD BY MAJOR US CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION LED BY HOUSE MAJORITY LEADER AND PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE OF SPEAKER WOULD PROVIDE GRATUITOUS PRESTIGE BOOST TO GDR AIRPORT, WOULD SET UNDESIRABLE PRECEDENT, AND WOULD BE UNFAVORABLY RECEIVED BY WEST BERLIN POLITICAL LEADERS WHO ARE SENSITIVE ABOUT ANY LOSS OF AIR TRAFFIC FROM WEST BERLIN AIRPORTS TO SCHOENEFELD. PRESS WOULD CERTAINLY NOTE A SCHOENEFELD ARRIVAL IN UNFAVORABLE TERMS.

2. MOST FAVORABLE ROUTING FROM OUR POINT OF VIEW WOULD BE DIRECT FLIGHT FROM WARSAW TO EDGE OF BERLIN CONTROL ZONE WHERE AIRCRAFT WOULD SWITCH FROM GDR TO BARTCC CONTROL FOR BCZ PORTION OF FLIGHT AND LANDING. ACCORDINGLY WE WE RECOMMEND AT APPROPRIATE TIME REQUEST FOR OVERFLIGHT BY CODEL AIRCRAFT FROM POLAND/EAST GERMAN BORDER TO EDGE OF BCZ.

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3. IF THIS ROUTING IS REJECTED BY GDR, WE RECOMMEND

ALTERNATE OF PROCEEDING VIA BALTIC (WARSAW-BORNHOLM-MON-HAMBURG-NORTH CORRIDOR-BERLIN). THIS ROUTE HAS PRACTICAL DISADVANTAGE OF TAKING LONGER THAN DIRECT ROUTE. HOWEVER, ADDITIONAL FLYING TIME IS LIKELY TO BE ABOUT SAME AS TIME LOST IN GROUND TRAVEL FROM SCHOENEFELD TO HOTEL OR OTHER DESTINATIONS IN THE US SECTOR, INCLUDING PROCESSING AT EXIT FROM GDR INTO WEST BERLIN. VIP ARRANGEMENTS WE ARE ABLE TO MAKE AT WEST BERLIN AIRPORTS WOULD, IN THIS EVENT, MAKE ARRIVAL PLEASANTER AND, IN ALL PROBABILITY, FASTER.

4. WE WOULD PREFER THAT CODEL AIRCRAFT USE AMERICAN-CONTROLLED TEMPELHOF AIRPORT. IT WOULD SIMPLIFY ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE PROCEDURES, AS WELL AS SECURITY FOR AIRCRAFT. IF, HOWEVER, DECISION IS MADE TO USE TEGEL, WE WOULD APPRECIATE KNOWING THIS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE IN VIEW OF NEED TO COORDINATE WITH FRENCH MILITARY AND GERMAN POLICE. GEORGE

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